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the specific structural differences between Applicant's invention and the device shown in Wilk.

The Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3,5,7,9-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is being unpatentable over Wilk in view of Godlewski et al. is respectfully traversed. As described above, Wilk has no teaching of using x-ray film and digitizing them to provide a hard paper copy of the patient x-rays that can be easily included with the permanent patient record. The device shown in Godlewski is a x-ray image controlled work station which is basically a portable x-ray. There is no teaching to provide the method recited in these claims by Applicant. Specifically, Applicant provides a method to store an x-ray film which is digitized and stored as a hard paper copy for a permanent inclusion in the patient medical record. This is not suggested nor taught in the combination of Wilk and Godlewski.

The Examiner's rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilk as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of Wright et al. is respectfully traversed. Neither of these references teaches providing the x-ray film of a patient, digitizing the film and then converting the image into a hard paper copy. The image can also be stored in a computer, transmitted to other areas through a computer network and printed as a hard paper copy that can be immediately included in a patient medical record whether its in a hospital at a hospital bed or at a remote location. The attending surgeon can instantly look at

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a high resolution image of the x-ray film on paper at any location.

In summary, the references cited by the Examiner individually nor when taken together result in Applicant's improved method which allows consulting surgeons to have available a hard paper copy record of a patient x-rays without having to try to locate the x-ray films themselves. It is believed that the claims as now amended are allowable over the art of record.

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action mailed .

Any additional charges, including Extensions of Time, please bill our Deposit Account No. 13-1130.

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